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1. ACCORDING TO GERMAN PRESS (HAMBURG DPA AND GENERAL ANZEIGER JANUARY 29 ARTICLE BY HERBERT LEINER), RECENTLY CONCLUDED BERLIN ECPC DRAFTING GROUP MEETING ENCOUNTERED BASIC DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BEYOND DISARMAMENT. ALTHOUGH THE MOST BASIC DIFFERENCES REVOLVE AROUND THE OPPOSING POSITIONS ON INDEPENDENCE OR CENTRALIZATION, DISAGREEMENTS OVER DISARMAMENT, DETENTE, COOPERATION WITH NON-COMMUNIST PARTIES, AND PORTUGAL ALSO SEEM TO HAVE CREATED PROBLEMS.

2. THE GENERAL ANZEIGER REPORTS THAT THE SOVIETS ATTEMPTED, WITH THE HELP OF THE DDR REPRESENTATIVES, TO GAIN A CONSENSUS "THROUGH THE BACK DOOR" BY ADOPTING LANGUAGE EXPRESSING SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE "SUGGESTIONS AND ADVICE OF THEIR BROTHER PARTIES." HOWEVER, THE KEY SOVIET OBJECTIVES OF MOSCOW LEADERSHIP AND ADHERENCE TO A MOSCOW-DICTATED LINE COULD NEVER BE SWEETENED ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE "AUTONOMOUS" CP'S TO AGREE TO A BINDING PLATFORM. THE "AUTONOMOUS" CP'S MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY IN THIS CONTEXT ARE THE ITALIAN, SPANISH, FRENCH AND YUGOSLAVIAN PARTIES. THE YUGOSLAVIAN REACTION IS PORTRAYED AS PARTICULARLY HARSH WITH OFFICIALS OF THAT PARTY CLAIMING THAT A CROSSROADS HAD BEEN REACHED BY THE WHOLE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. THE ARTICLE CLOSES WITH THE COMMENT THAT NO ONE SHOULD BE SURPRISED IF AN OPEN BREAK BETWEEN THE EASTERN BLOC CP'S AND THE AUTONOMOUS CP'S RESULTS FROM THE SOVIET EFFORTS AT BERLIN AND THE KORIONOV ARTICLE.

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